



# 2023 CREEKSIDE CHURCH *Harvest Offering*

Dear Creekside Family & Friends,

As the year swiftly approaches its end, the holiday season is upon us, and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. This time of year is a beautiful reminder of a core principle in God's kingdom - the practice of GRATITUDE for all that He has done and continues to do for us.

We acknowledge that this year may have presented various challenges for many of us, whether physical, relational, or financial. The future remains uncertain. Yet, it is precisely during these times of mixed emotions and difficulties that we find opportunities to lean on God's grace and share His boundless love with those around us.

Giving thanks, no matter our circumstances, has transformative power (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Jesus taught us that it's more blessed to give than to receive, a principle that holds true in times of abundance as well as in times of economic constraints. Our desire is to cultivate a spirit of gratitude and generosity in our hearts that is reflected in our lives.

With the holiday season approaching, we find ourselves presented with an extraordinary opportunity to live out one of our Core Values - **LEADING THE WAY IN GENEROSITY**. One tangible way to do this is by participating in our annual Harvest Offering.

As we prepare for this season of thankfulness, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift above and beyond your regular contributions. This isn't about simply adding a few extra dollars to the offering; it's about making a sacrificial gift that symbolizes our love and trust in the One who sustains us and loves us unconditionally.

Last year, over \$170,000 was received, making it our most generous offering to date! We believe we can match - or even surpass - this generosity this year. Just imagine the impact of your contribution:

- Strengthening our efforts to reach our community, schools, and families with the message of hope in Jesus.
- Unlocking leadership potential through programs like Discover Ministry School and life-changing Internship programs.
- Supporting our dedicated global missionaries and forming transformative partnerships to extend our global reach.
- Establishing a support system that empowers struggling families with a "hand up" through strategic collaborations with valuable partners.
- Planting and resourcing new churches, spreading the message of Christ in cities and communities at home and abroad.

We invite you to begin praying and planning for our annual **HARVEST Offering on Sunday, November 19th**. Special envelopes will be provided to ensure that all contributions are credited to this offering. If you are unable to attend on the 19th, we encourage you to bring your gift to our **Thanksgiving** morning service on **Thursday, November 23 at 9 AM**. This service is a time for expressing gratitude, sharing stories of God's goodness, and participating in communion.

You can also mail your gift to Creekside Church and note "Harvest Offering" on your check, or simply click the QR code below to make an online donation. We will be receiving this special offering through the end of the year.

Remember, when you give, you're not simply giving TO Creekside Church, you're giving THROUGH Creekside Church! Let's unite to make a lasting impact together.

May your holidays be filled with joy and thankfulness this season!

With a heart full of gratitude,

Pastor George, Kristen, and the Creekside Leadership Team

